

REMARKS

This Amendment is responsive to the official action dated August 23, 2007. Claims 1-25 were pending in the application. In the official action, claims 1-25 were rejected. In this Amendment, claim 1 has been amended, claims 2-25 have been canceled, and new claims 26-28 have been added. Claims 1 and 26-28 thus remain for consideration.

Applicants submit that claims 1 and 26-28 are in condition for allowance and request reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections in light of the following remarks.

§102 Rejections

Claims 1-25 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Kazuhiro et al. (Japanese Pub. 2003-242122), in view of Dancs et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,108,789).

Claims 2-25 have been canceled, thereby rendering their rejections moot.

Applicants respectfully submit that claim 1 is patentable over Kazuhiro and Dancs.

Applicants' invention as recited in claim 1 is directed toward an information processing system. The claim recites that a "third information processing apparatus" is connected to a network through the use of first, second and third identification information, and setting information. The claim further recites that: the first identification information includes a device ID and a pass phrase; the second identification information includes a product code and a serial number; the third identification information includes a one-time ID; and the setting information includes an Internet service provider connection ID and a password.

Neither Kazuhiro nor Dancs discloses connecting a device to a network through the use of first identification information, second identification information, third

identification information and setting information, as recited in Applicants' claim 1. Accordingly, Applicants believe that claim is patentable over Kazuhiro and Dancs - taken either alone or in combination - on at least this basis.

New Claim

New claims 26-28 have been added.

Each of the new claims recites a limitation similar to the claim 1 identification and setting information limitation. Accordingly, Applicants believe that claims 26-28 are patentable over Kazuhiro and Dancs for at least the same reasons discussed in connection with claim 1.

Applicants respectfully submit that all of the claims now pending in the application are in condition for allowance, which action is earnestly solicited. If any issues remain, or if the Examiner has any further suggestions, he/she is invited to telephone the undersigned at (908) 654-5000.

The Examiner is hereby authorized to charge any insufficient fees or credit any overpayment associated with the above-identified application to Deposit Account No. 12-1095.

The Examiner's consideration of this matter is gratefully acknowledged.

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